



**Open Spaces Committee  
Minutes  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Parish Councillors in attendance: Chairman Max Harwood (MH), Carolyn Butler (CB), Adrian Collins (AC), Fiona Dix (FD), Zoe MacLehose (ZM) and Mairi Rennie (MR).

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Clerk: Debbie Harknett

Meeting started at 7.30pm.

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- 1) **Recording of the meeting** - It was noted that the meeting would not be recorded.
- 2) **Representations by the public:** None.
- 3) **Apologies for absence:** Val Farren (VF), and Clare Jardine-Paterson (CJP).
- 4) **Declarations of interest:** None.
- 5) **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Updates from the minutes:
  - 6c) WSCC footpath team confirmed the path wasn't an official public footpath. ZM to tie a piece of ribbon around the hazard to alert walkers who use the path. FD to talk to Piers Fox-Andrews to see if he owns the land.
  - 6d) WSCC volunteers would be interested in helping create a woodland trail. AC's suggestion for a bus shelter at Rake for Bohunt School children was welcomed; he will investigate possible sites and their ownership.
  - 6e) ZM not yet found out about the 'don't pick -flick' signs at Stansted Park.
  - 9c) New Homes Bonus £875.06 grant obtained towards Hugo Platt playground fence.
  - 10b) CB not getting a response from CDC about costs for us to replace the bin. She and ZM to obtain prices for removing current bin and installing new one on the lamppost.
  - 10c) FD to look at the shelter to consider if flower mangers can be attached.
  - 11c) Price obtained from solicitor but they are slow at responding to emails.
- 6) **Footpaths**
  - a) MR noted there is to be a public enquiry on 4 August into the registration of the ancient path 1163 at Fyning.
  - b) MR expressed concern that the path between across the car park at the rear of the White Horse to the playing field steps could be shut off if the pub were to be purchased for housing. The path provides safe pedestrian access between the village playground and church/village centre as North Street is narrow with no footpath.
  - c) After discussion, in order to protect the much-used route as the future of the pub is uncertain, it was agreed to put the recommendation to register as a 'path used by the public for more than 20 years' to the Full Council. If they are in agreement adjacent landowners will need to be contacted and witness forms obtained from WSCC.
  - d) MR to discuss with the village hall committee.
- 7) **Woodland Management Plan –**
  - a) MH noted following coppicing and holly clearing at Terwick and Fyning nothing was planned for the next year in order to allow the woods to recover.
  - b) AC expressed concern over dead trees on footpaths – recently a silver birch fell and he is concerned about what appears to be a dead oak tree; he will look at with MH.
  - c) Clerk noted a couple of trees have been removed at Bull Hill – MH to talk to Steve Williamson (SW) to check if any more tree work is required there.
  - d) It was suggested including information on our website to inform people of our responsibilities and offer the opportunity for them to notify us of problems. AC/Clerk

previously looked at information on another website – she will circulate to committee for input and approval.

**8) Garbitts Wood** – no update but MH noted the school are using the site.

**9) Play areas**

- a) We are waiting for the roller log in the village playground to be replaced.
- b) Clerk to ask Elena about applying for a CLC micro grant for additional funds towards the fence at Hugo Platt – estimates ranged from £1,790 to repair; replacement at £3,750 (like for like) £3,150 (same but square posts or £8,996.81 (metal).

**10) SSE Cables at Fyning recreation ground** – no update; Clerk has chased.

**11) Winter management plan**

- a) Current plan had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- b) WSCC winter resilience route is the A272 through the village while the winter service network includes the road from Harting (Habin Hill), to Hillbrow (North Street and Hillbrow Road), Rake loop, Bull Hill, Liphook (old A3) and to Milland.
- c) MH explained for the last couple of years we have had an agreement that following an WSCC adverse weather trigger ACS Ltd would plough/grit pre-agreed areas of the parish. When WSCC issue this trigger they pay us £35ph to pay the contractor which would have met the contractors cost but his rates have now increased to £85 for call out/first hour and £45 per hour afterwards. The PC would need to meet the shortfall.
- d) Agreed snow plough routes include Langley Lane, Canhouse Lane, Dangstein Lane (top road) and Fyning Lane while grit routes include Parsonage Estate, Border Close (Hillbrow), Knowles Meadow (Hillbrow) and Terwick Rise (Fyning Lane).
- e) While the committee were generally all in favour of meeting this additional cost they would like some additional information as to when the charge would start (when contractor leaves home or reaches village) and, if possible, an estimate of how long it would take to do the agreed route.
- f) FD requested the installation of an additional salt bin along the top road before Tullecombe. The committee were in favour so she will get the SU grid reference code to enable Clerk to apply to WSCC for permission to site one there.
- g) AC offered to read through/update some information in the plan.

**12) Trees**

- a) MR reported free whip trees are available through 'I dig trees' website – they come in batches of 50 trees (with tree guards) and are available in a choice of 4 different tree mixes according to the proposed planting location.
- b) After discussion, support of this initiative was agreed though there was not a clear scheme for PC land.
  - FD to ask the schools if they would like to get involved in a planting project at Bull Hill or on their land and discuss idea with SW.
  - MR to include information in the R&T to encourage villagers to apply and to ask village hall.

**13) Date of next meeting:** The next Open Spaces Committee Meeting was scheduled to be held at 7.30 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Rogate Village Hall Pavilion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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**Chairman**

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**Date**